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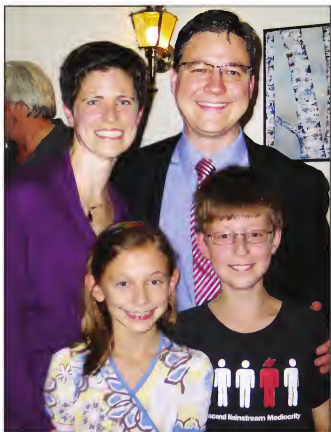


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## PELHAM MAYOR



Wayne Campbell, Staff Photo  
Dave Augustyn with wife Carol Berkhout and children Krystyna and Lucas.

## Augustyn re-elected

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Dave Augustyn said the voters of Pelham made it clear Monday they favour positive leadership.

Augustyn won his second mayoral election by outdistancing Ward 2 Coun. Sharon Cook by a four-to-one vote spread. He thanked "the 545 families that put signs on their lawns and a hundred financial donors as well as 100 volunteers who helped carry out the campaign."

In an interview at town hall after the final results were posted, he said he will be leading a town council with a good mix of experience and change.

"It will be a great council. I look forward to an exciting four years."

Council will have three new members with Larry Clark in Ward 1 and Gary Accursi and Catherine King in Ward 2. Augustyn said there will be a period of orientation for new councillors.

"Recreation and cultural facilities will be the first major issue council will face," he said.

It will also have to start work on capital and operating budgets for the new year. There will be a strategic planning session to which he expects new councillors will bring their

### Pelham Mayor's Race

Candidate	Votes cast
<b>Dave Augustyn:</b>	4,676
<b>Sharon Cook:</b>	1,266
<b>Total:</b>	5,942

ideas and issues.

On the regional side of the job, the re-elected mayor said issues coming up include electing a new regional chair, dealing with policing facilities, inter-municipal transit and waste water.

Cook, as she tried to focus on the results as they were posted at town hall, called the loss a personal win.

Other members of council and people from the community "persuaded me to run and I gave it my best shot," she said.

"Now I can really retire," said the seven-year town councillor.

"I have a lot of other things I do that are equally important. Now I will have the opportunity to give them a bit more of my time."

While disappointed about losing, Cook said, "I have no ill feelings one way or the other."

Cook had some words for the new town council.

"I wish them good luck," she said. "And I hope the councillors stick to their guns for the good of the community."



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## CIVIC ELECTION 2010

### WARD 1

## Newcomer Clark joins Urbanowicz

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Newcomer Larry Clark topped the polls in a three-way race for Ward 1's two seats.

Incumbent Debbie Urbanowicz kept her seat to win her third election while two-year incumbent Jim Lane lost his.

"I'm esthetic," said Urbanowicz after nervously sitting in a corner of town hall with Ward 2 candidate Catherine King as they watched the results being posted. "This election has been the toughest, with a broken leg and all," she said. She broke her leg during a slopwatch game and limped down to door.

Looking ahead, she said he got about the completion of the Fenwick firehall "and then get on with a new library" for Maple Acre.

"She welcomed the new faces on council."

Clark, who watched the results on computer at his Fenwick home, said he was "really excited" about his new job.

The big issue he saw was resolving an impasse in the East Fenwick development.

"We have to pick a direction and get on with it."

Jim Lane said "I certainly am disappointed with the results

### Pelham Ward 1

Candidate	Votes cast
Larry Clark:	1078
Debbie Urbanowicz:	959
James Lane:	691
Total:	2728
	• Incumbent

but life goes on. Now I can full enjoy my retirement!"

He said he hopes the candidates who won live up to what they told the voters.

Lane said he got about the same number of votes as he did in the 2006 election when he also finished third.

He was appointed to the Ward 1 council in 2006 when Malcolm Allen left Pelham council.

He became the New Democrat MP for Welland in the 2006 federal election.



Debbie Urbanowicz



Larry Clark

### WARD 2

## Ward 2 incumbent defeated

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — The Ward 2 election came down to the last poll that was the first one cast.

A tight race among three of five candidates wasn't resolved until the results of the first of three advance polls were posted at town hall Monday night.

Incumbent Dave Emmons was within four to seven votes of the front running Gary Accursi and Catherine King until the final poll stretched their lead.

"That's what it's all about," said a stoic Emmons after the final tallies went up.

"Everyone was first elected in 2006. With his loss, Ward 2 will have two new councillors. The other incumbent, Coun. Sharon Cook lost to Dave Augustyn in the mayoral race.

King, who sat through the posting of the results at town hall, was shaken by the experience of her first election win.

"I'm speechless, for the first time in my life, I'm speechless," she said through tears.

"I had a positive feeling all along but this is over the top," she said.

Accursi followed the results with his wife on his computer at home.

"We live out in the country and have a slow dial-up," he said. "Our kids, who have high speed,

### Pelham Ward 2

Candidate	Votes cast
Gary Accursi:	989
Catherine King:	987
Dave Emmons:	962
Don Cotton:	474
Warren Mason:	367
Total:	3,779
	• Incumbent

kept phoning us before we got the updates."

Accursi congratulated all the candidates who ran.

"Everyone gave it their all and it came down to the last poll."

Also running in Ward 2 were Don Cotton and Warren Mason who finished fourth and fifth.

Accursi said he saw his new job "as a great challenge."

The use of town-owned land at Rice Rd. and Regional Rd. 20. He also wants to get improved promotion of Pelham.



Gary Accursi



Catherine King

### WARD 3

## Incumbents Papp, Durley fend off challenger

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Ward 3 will be business as usual.

Couns. Peter Papp and John Durley swept aside their only challenger Dave Yager with almost identical vote totals to keep their seats.

Papp said he was thrilled to win his third election. He congratulated Durley and said Yager ran a good campaign.

He said Yager is someone council should encourage to work on advisory committees.

Papp said he is looking forward to the next four years and congratulated Larry Clark, Gary Accursi and Catherine King for their wins.

He said he enjoyed working with Ward 2 Coun. Dave Emmons over the past four years.

The defeat of Ward 1 Coun. Jim Lane had a personal side, he's Papp's brother-in-law. The pair had a mixed victory and concidence party at My Place.

Durley said he was very happy about his victory.

"It was a good clean campaign," he said about the Ward 3 race.

"I heard a lot of positive

### Pelham Ward 3

Candidate	Votes cast
John Durley:	1450
Peter Papp:	1436
Dave Yager:	1149
Total:	4,035
	• Incumbent

stuff out there," he said about this campaign that took him to every door in the ward.

"We will have some orientation to do," said Durley about the three new councillors elected to council.

Yager said he enjoyed the campaign. He found people very friendly when he went door-to-door.

"I met some very interesting people."

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Ward 2 councillor-elect Catherine King, left, and Ward 1 Coun. Debbie Urbanowicz congratulate each other at Pelham Town Hall Monday night. For Urbanowicz it was her third election victory. For King it was her first.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Pelham Regional Coun. Brian Baty, left, who was acclaimed, and Mayor Dave Augustyn will return to Niagara regional council. The new regional council will have to choose a new chairman when it gathers in December.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Pelham town clerk Nancy Bozzato turned her office into "election central" as she processed and posted the results of Pelham's municipal election Monday. She directed a staff of 80 who ran six polling stations across the town. The voter turnout was 45% with 6,006 votes cast. There were 13,466 on the voters list. In 2006 turnout was 48%. Results were posted as they came in both at town hall and on the town's website.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp hugs wife Valerie Lane following his re-election Monday.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Pelham town hall drew a crowd to watch Pelham's election results. The results were also posted on the town's website as they went up at town hall.



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Ward 2 Coun. Dave Emmons, left, Ward 2 Coun. Sharon Cook and Ward 2 Coun. John Durley, right, watch election results coming in at Pelham Town Hall.

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PELHAM, GENERAL MANAGER  
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## perspective



Wayne Campbell  
EDITOR

## Thanks for taking a stand

In the wake of the municipal election, it's time to say thank you.

On Monday night, we saw changes on town council and two school boards.

We must pause to salute councillors Sharon Cook, Dave Emmons and Jim Lane. For seven years, four years and two years respectively, they made our road, recreation, policing and neighbourhood problems their problems. Their phones rang at all hours. They were stopped on the street. With good humour, they tolerated criticism, whether fair or not. And they often put their family lives on hold.

They may not have won their re-election bids Monday, but they did serve us well while on council.

It takes awhile to learn how the towns work and how to be an effective councillor. They invested the time and gave us the job.

Similarly, two incumbent school trustees, Gary Ananyuk with the District School Board of Niagara and Gary Crole with the Niagara Catholic District School Board, came up short in the vote tally.

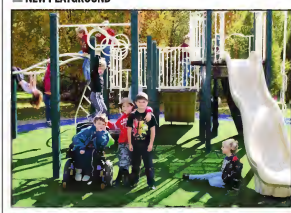
They spent years carrying the burden of educating our young people. They had to make tough decisions about the future of our schools and their administration. For taking on the responsibility to decide, they deserve a pat on the back.

We must thank all the candidates who ran Monday night, but did not win. As one successful candidate put it: Everyone who ran put their money where their mouth was. It takes courage to stand for office. You expose yourself to criticism and disappointment. Losing always has a sting, no matter how small. The experience may prove to be.

Don Cotter, Warren Mason, David Yager, Larry Hulberts, and Carole Racette put their time, money and ego on the line seeking town council or school trustee positions. It's such acts of courage and sense of responsibility that makes democracy work for us all.

Thanks for taking a stand.

## NEW PLAYGROUND



Supplied Photo  
St. Ann's Grade 2 children enjoy new playground after two years of fundraising. The school will continue its fundraising to complete Phase 2, which is a low level play area for their primary and special needs children. St Ann Catholic School will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off and Family Fun Day on Sunday, October 31, from noon to 3 p.m. The playground was completed through volunteer work assisted by AGI Landscaping in Stony Creek.

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Both in Canada's past commitments and in our current engagements, our country's military has consistently demonstrated their dedication to our country.

Upon their retirement from the service, the responsibility falls to us as a grateful nation to ensure that our Veterans are treated with the dignity and care that they deserve.

I am proud to say that this principle has been a guiding principle for our government since we were first elected, and I am pleased to highlight some of our accomplishments for our Veterans as Remembrance Day approaches.

Just recently on Sept. 28, we announced the establishment of a "legacy of care" program centered around five new



Dean Allison  
FROM THE HILL

initiatives to care for injured soldiers, sea and air personnel.

These initiatives contribute in a tangible and lasting way to their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into civilian life.

We also announced \$2 billion in new funding to enhance financial support for Veterans and their families.

Our government has added a 24 hour, toll free help line, the VAC Assistance Service, for Veterans and their families who need access to professional counselling services, and for those who have experienced catastrophic injuries that leave them unable to work, they will receive additional financial

benefits.

We have also reversed the previous cuts to Allied Veterans benefits and extended those vital benefits to Allied Veterans from the Korean War.

These changes have already helped almost 4,600 veterans and family members.

Our government introduced the Veterans' Bill of Rights, which strengthens the government's ability to respond quickly and fairly to the concerns of Canadian veterans.

On the equally important subject of Remembrance, we have provided \$450,000 over three years to support the Dominion Institute's Memory Project, which brings our veterans into schools to speak to students and community groups.

More than one million students have had the chance to listen to our veterans' stories through the Memory Project.

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## Niagara wind energy manufacturing cluster in Port Colborne

A presentation was made at the last meeting of the Integrated Community Planning Committee that provides hope for Niagara's economic future.

A group of private and public partners have come together to form the Port Colborne Wind Energy Manufacturing Cluster.



Brian Baty  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
VIEW

They note that there are few sites in Ontario which have the space to house factories to manufacture giant wind turbines.

The Province of Ontario has passed legislation that supports Green energy development with a requirement that components are sourced in Ontario.

Wind energy projects over ten Kilowatts require 25% domestic content up to 2011 and 50% content from January 1, 2012 and onward.

The property in Port Colborne includes a large tract off Ramsey Road just west of Highway 140 as you enter the city and the Transport Canada lands on the east side of the canal entrance off Lake Erie.

In the last 20 years, the yield of wind turbines has increased 100-fold. With new projects in KAWarries, it will increase another fivefold. There are plans for offshore turbines in the Great Lakes.

Port Colborne has the road, rail and water capacity to house the industries that will build and transport these turbines to their locations throughout Canada and the United States.

In the United States alone there is a projected \$1 trillion dollar investment by 2020. Canadian wind power expanded by 40% between 2008 and 2009.

The consortium is currently seeking an anchor company and subcontractors to invest in Niagara Region and has been seeking every step to market the proposal including missions overseas and at the World Energy Summit in Montreal.

The presentation included reference to the Port of Bremerhaven, Germany, which had lost most of its former shipbuilding business.

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## ■ BATY

# Alternative energy could be an economic saviour in Niagara

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This resulted in high unemployment rates and a decreasing population.

They formed a plan in 2002 and by 2010 had created 3,000 jobs and an investment by industry of 400 million euros plus public infrastructure of 100 million euros.

Temporary servicing for water and sewers is available in a limited extent to start this

project but an environmental assessment needs to be done in the next year to bring higher capacity lines from the west side of Port Colborne to the east side properties.

If successful, this initiative could spearhead the economic turnaround that is so needed to provide employment for our youth and to keep them in Niagara.

It has the potential to rekindle the steel industry

in Welland and provide potential future uses for the docks in Port Robinson, Thorold and Port Weller.

As the peak oil era brings higher fuel prices our railways and canal may bode well for sustainable and prosperous Niagara.

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## ■ ALLISON

# The least Canada can do for its vets

FROM PAGE A4

And perhaps most visibly in the capital region, we have instituted a ceremonial presence and interpretive guides (along with other new security measures) to protect security and the integrity of the

National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Canada's veterans have served our country with the professionalism and dedication that has established Canada as a nation that hits above its weight on the world stage.

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Dean Allison is the MP for Niagara West-Glanbrook

## ■ NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# St. Ann's pastor joining NCDSD

JOHN VESSOYAN  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Paul MacNeil has scored a victory over Gary Crole and Larry Hulbers for Niagara Catholic District School Board trustee.

Unofficial numbers on election night had MacNeil ahead by 317 votes.

The 45-year-old pastor at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Fenwick will replace Crole as trustee for Pelham, Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln.

This will be MacNeil's first

stint as Catholic school board trustee. He has other experience in politics, but is excited to get an opportunity to represent students and parents.



Paul MacNeil

sting to know them."

He explained that the school board level won't hurt him while on the job.

It's a big responsibility. I want to make sure I work hard at it. I feel up to it."

As a trustee, MacNeil plans to further open the lines of communication with teachers and parents and also make sure the Catholic faith is well taught at schools in the area he will be serving.

He's eager to start "working with other trustees and get-

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## ■ REMEMBRANCE: Fund assists local veterans

# Pelham legion branch launches annual Poppy drive

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Staff Photo

Ron Walker, chairman of the Poppy Drive for Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613, sells the first poppy to Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn. They are at the Town of Pelham memorial cenotaph in Fonthill. Poppy sales begin Friday, Oct. 29, and continue through Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, ending on Nov. 12. Money from the Pelham Poppy Fund is used to assist local war veterans.



—LEST WE FORGET—  
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

Royal Canadian Legion branches kick off their annual Poppy Drives today.

The red poppies go on sale at from a 113 boxes in stores, offices and schools throughout the town.

"We usually raise about \$10,000 a year," said Ron Walker, campaign chair for Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 in Fonthill.

The money, held in a trust fund, goes to assist local veterans and their families as well as veteran-related projects.

Recent projects included increasing accessibility at the entrances of the legion hall, bursaries for children of veterans graduating from E.L. Crossley Secondary School and Notre Dame College, wheelchairs for veterans,

and buying a defibrillator for medical emergencies at legion hall.

The fund can cover various medical and other needs of veterans.

A local group assesses applications. Their decisions are monitored by legion's central body, said Walker.

Last year the fund helped with funeral costs of veteran who died without enough insurance coverage.

"We have 393 members in the branch, but only a few served in uniform," he said about a shift in the makeup of Canadian legion branches. So far, the local branch has not had to assist Canadian veterans from recent conflicts such as Afghanistan.

Walker said people in Pelham eagerly buy poppies during the two week campaign. It begins Oct. 29 and continues through Remembrance Day on Nov. 11 and ends Nov. 12.

The poppy boxes are placed stores and offices within the town's limits.

"We are going to 10 schools including Crossley, Quaker Rd. and Nouvel Horizon," said Walker.

Instead of the traditional pin-on poppy, elementary school children receive stick-on poppies.

"It saves the children fiddling with pins," he said.

Town hall has two boxes and Sobey's plans a Remembrance display to draw attention to its boxes.

Walker chuckled over the rivalry among legion branches when it comes to poppy drive jurisdictions. The line between Pelham and Thorold legion areas, for example, is precise.

While some legion branches have experienced thefts of poppy boxes, Pelham has had no problems in that area, Walker said.

Processing the donations is an adventure.

"I have an army of volunteers to collect the boxes and roll the coins," he said. "It took three us to carry a recycling tub of rolls in our truck to deliver it to Ontario First Credit Union."

The Poppy Drive, of course, corresponds with Remembrance Day. In Pelham there are two sets of ceremonies. On Sunday, Nov. 7, ceremonies are held at cenotaphs in Fenwick, Ridgeway and Fonthill. On Thursday, Nov. 11 the major 11 a.m. ceremony is held in Veterans Park at the legion hall on Regional Rd. 20.

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# Investment advisers grill up awareness of autism

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Craig Weddell, left, and Jim Zoretich of Raymond James Zoretich Wealth Management presented \$2,100 to Sharon Svob, regional director for Autism Ontario-Niagara, in front of an information display about Autism. The investment firm held a barbecue for Autism Ontario, which it plans to make an annual event.



WAYNE CAMPBELL

PelhamNews Staff

For those who deal with autism, public awareness is a challenge.

The Niagara office of Autism Ontario serves 500 families but the actual number of people who may have the condition may be

larger.

"We estimate one person in 120 could be diagnosed with a form of autism," said regional director Sharon Svob.

She praises efforts such as an information barbecue arranged by Jim Zoretich and Craig Weddell of Raymond James Ltd. Zoretich Wealth

Management.

She was at their Fonhill office last week to pickup \$2,000 raised during the barbecue.

The two investment advisers are familiar with autism, a neural disorder that affects a person's social interaction and communication ability.

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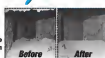
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## ■ AUTISM

# Plan is to make BBQ an annual event

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They said wanted to help increase awareness of the condition and of local services available.

"We plan to make it an annual event," said Weddell.

While at the barbecue came to make donations, at least three sought specific information and direction to help, said Zoritch.

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expected, they should have the child checked.

"It's best to know whether something is there or not," she said.

"Early and ongoing intervention is required."

Autism can range from mild to severe.

Treatment of a child with autism is a long ongoing challenge.

"It's all about the child," said Zoritch of the investor's support of Autism Ontario.

Niagara has a number of services for children with autism.

They're in schools, through agencies such as Autism Ontario, and through related private and non-profit service.

Svob said her office can guide parents through them and provide referrals. It offers a series of workshops on how to deal with autism spectrum disorder.

It also has a number of support programs for parents and siblings as well as those with autism.

Svob said there is limited service for teenagers and for adults with autism. It's an area in which her agency stepping its advocacy efforts.

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For PelhamNEWS

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All clinics are open to the public and no appointment is required.

Residents are asked to bring their Ontario Health Card and Driver's Licence

to the clinic they plan to attend. Services will still be provided for individuals who do not have either piece of identification.

Unless there is a medical reason not to, everyone six months of age and older can benefit from getting a seasonal flu shot.

The seasonal flu vaccine for this year provides protection against the 2009 pandemic H1N1 flu virus, in addition to two other flu strains.

For the clinic schedule, visit [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca) or call the Flu Clinic Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, ext. 7443.

Clinic schedule includes:  
Nov 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. St. Catharines Brock University, Gymnasium, Walker Complex 500 Glenridge Ave.  
Nov 2, 1-8 p.m. Welland, Rice Road Community Church, 305 Rice Rd.  
Nov 3, 1-8 p.m. Niagara

Falls MacBain Community Centre 7150 Montrose Rd.

Nov 4, 1-8 p.m. Thorold Niagara Region Public Health, 2201 St. David's Road, Campbell East

Nov 8, 1-8 p.m. St. Catharines CAW Hall 124 Bunting Road

Nov 9, 1-8 p.m. Wainfleet, Wainfleet Firefighters Memorial Community Hall 19 M7 Park St.

Nov 9, 1-8 p.m. Thorold, Niagara Region Public Health 2201 St. David's

Road, Campbell East Nov 10, 1-8 p.m. Port Colborne St. James & St. Brendan Church 72 Charlotte St. (Guild Hall)

Nov 15, 1-8 p.m. Niagara-on-the-Lake Centennial Arena, 1565 Four Mile Creek Rd.

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■ **SCHOOLS:** 35th walk at Notre Dame draws 1,000

## Pilgrimages for developing countries

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNews Staff

Niagara Catholic high school students hit the trail Sunday to help the world.

An annual pilgrimage tradition, begun 35 years ago at Notre Dame College School, has spread across the region.

To mark the anniversary, about a 1,000 Notre Dame students and alumni walked a 20-kilometre route along the Welland Canal to the Alaburgh bridge and back.

At Lakeshore Catholic High School, more than 450 students and alumni, the largest turnout yet, walked from the school to the Friendship Trail and then looping back to the school.

Notre Dame Organizer Carol Berkhout said they expect to raise about \$42,000, a little short of a \$50,000 goal.

"We'll continue to accept donations for the next two weeks," she said. "The students may still have friends and relatives to reach."

The level of donations is a reflection on the number of charities looking for help and local economic conditions, she said.

Half of the money raised will go to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Peace and Development, the foreign aid arm of the church, Berkhout said.

It's major project right now is relief for flooding in Pakistan, she said.

The other half will go to a job-training program in Peru and to youth-training program in Dominican Republic, which have connections to Notre Dame.

Lakeshore principal Dan DiLorenzo said the school so far has raised \$15,000 for projects in El Salvador and on the Caribbean island of Dominica.

Other schools holding pilgrimages Sunday were Denis Morris, St. Charles and Holy Cross in St. Catharines, St. Paul and St. Michael in Niagara Falls, and blessed Trinity in Grimsby.

Pilgrimage Sunday raises funds for a variety of projects in countries such as Haiti, Rwanda and Dominica. To date, Niagara Catholic school district has raised more than \$5.4 million for these projects.

School district leaders joined

the south Niagara pilgrimages with director of education John Crocco at Notre Dame and superintendent Frank Iannantonio at Lakeshore.

Rev. Jim Mulligan, a former Notre Dame student and teacher, reminded students about the history of the pilgrimage in an assembly at the beginning of their walk Sunday morning.

He made a pilgrimage in France to Chartres Cathedral in the 1970s and brought the idea back to Notre Dame.

It is a very appropriate idea to promote a spirit of caring, he said.

It has been adopted by the region and schools across Canada.

"But it started here," he said. The needs of developing countries was brought home to Rev. Gerald Cormier, a 79-year-old former Notre Dame teacher.

He started early in the day to walk in the pilgrimage and then prepared to returned to his mission in Haiti, where a cholera epidemic has broken out.

Lakeshore started the day with a mass and ended it with a barbecue.

Notre Dame started with an assembly and wrapped the day up with a mass featuring a student made video on the eight Christian beatitudes and a candlelight ceremony.

Three students, Richard Thompson, Justin DiPasquale, and Michael Garrett, who made the pilgrimage in a combination speed walk and run, were catching their breath in the Notre Dame lobby.

"It was tough especially going up hill," said DiPasquale. "But it was a pretty nice walk considering the money raise," said Thompson.

Garnett, a Tribune newspaper carrier, said he almost in condition.

Berkhout said this year's Notre Dame pilgrimage included more family members and alumni than usual possibly because of the good weather.

"It was a wonderful community feeling event," she said as she praised students for giving up their Sunday to help people in other countries.

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## ■ YOUTH: Best corps in western Ontario



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Members of 613 Lincoln and Welland Regiment Army Cadet Corps celebrate receiving the Strathcona Award for best small corps in the western Ontario region, which extends from Windsor to Toronto. The award was presented to the corps at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 hall in Fonthill Wednesday by Capt. Perry Bast, area cadet officer for Western Ontario. The award is based on points accumulated through cadet performances, various competitions and the cadet corps' record including membership retention.

## Army cadets win major trophy

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM - The army cadets marched with extra energy in their step last week.

The Fonthill-based 613 Lincoln and Welland Regiment Army Cadet Corps received the Lord Strathcona trophy as the best small corps in the western Ontario army cadet area.

The award is presented to the best group with under 60 members. It's won through a point total of based on individual performance of cadets, participation in the community corps, competitions such as shooting and orienteering and the overall accomplishments of the corps itself including its record for retaining members.

The award is based on points accumulated through cadet performances, various competitions and the cadet corps' record including membership retention.

"It's a very prestigious award," said Capt. Leo Giovenazzo, who commands the local unit.

He said it reflects well on the quality of instruction of the cadets as well as their spirit.

Capt. Perry Bast, who delivered the Lord Strathcona trophy, said "there is nobody better than you

for the job you did last year."

Mayor Dave Augustyn called it "a proud moment for Pelham and a testament to your work, to your leadership and to the families who support you."

He thanked the corps for its involvement in the community with contributions to Canada Day celebrations and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The 613 army cadet corps has 35 members. It operates out of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613's hall on Regional Rd. 20 where it has a headquarters in the lower level of the hall.

"About 70% of our members are actually from Welland," said

Giovenazzo as well as surrounding areas of Pelham.

Coming events for the cadet corps are a change of command ceremony for the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in St. Catharines, a sales blitz of Canadian Legion Poppies Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30, and participation in Remembrance ceremonies throughout the town on Sunday, Nov. 7, and at the legion hall on Nov. 11.

For more information about local army cadet corps call 905-892-8977 or e-mail 613army@cadets.net.

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# sports

■ **TENNIS:** 2010 annual general meeting

## Pelham Tennis Association hands out awards



Reviewing 17 years of history of the Pelham Tennis Association are former President Rob Mackay, left, Mrs. Janini Gatha, centre, with 2010 Gatha Award recipients Liam Reeves and Tressa Mastrianni.

For PelhamNEWS

The Pelham Tennis Association held its Annual General Meeting at The Fenwick Lions Club.

President Yann Marais reported on a successful 2010. Membership numbers were stable and the junior program boasted its best spring season ever thanks to pro Ryan Zeman and his team of instructors Marko Petrovic, Brandon Alguire, and Emma Roberts. The Academy attendance was also steady and several

participants had tournament results at high school competitions. Emma Roberts won SOSSA singles and will continue on to the OFSSA level.

Evan Roberts finished second in SOSSA Juniors and Tressa Mastrianni finished third playing against older Grade 10, 11, 12 competitors.

The Pelham Tennis Association acknowledged and extended special thanks to Vickie vanRenswoude and John Kie of the Town of Pelham, The Fenwick Lions Club, Volcano Pizza, Golf Stuff, and All Star Restaurant for their assistance, support, and sponsorship in 2010. Awards were presented as follows:

PIA Gatha Awards est. 1993: Tressa Mastrianni, Liam Reeves  
Fenwick Lions Medallions Academy Category

Most dedicated: Luke Senek (In that category, Paul Sung was missing)

Most improved: Mary Ann Landry

Most sportsmanlike: Emma Roberts, Krystal Kramer

Most improved: Daniel Sung  
Fenwick Lions Medallions Recreation Category

Future Star: Kyle Hannou-Kozlowski (Maddie Picon was

missing in that category)

Most improved: Jackson Root, Bailey O'Hagan

Most Dedicated: Sean Hannou-Kozlowski, Xavier West

Most Sportsmanlike: Evan Kernaghan, Lauryn Gabrielle Gatha, Tressa Mastrianni,

Liam Reeves

Adult Tournaments

Men's Singles: Yann Marais

Men's Doubles: Yann Marais

and Les Gergeley

Mixed Doubles: Yann Marais

and Rosemary Calos

Ladies Double: Barbara

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Pelham Tennis Association 2010 Junior Program Academy and Recreational Award winners receive the Fenwick Lions Club Medallions at the associations annual meeting. Front row from left are Liam Reeves (Gatha Award), Bailey O'Hagan (Most Improved), Sean Hannou-Kozlowski (Most Dedicated), Kyle Hannou-Kozlowski (Future Star), Jackson Root (Most Improved), Xavier West (Most Dedicated), Evan Kernaghan (Most Sportsmanlike), Middle row from left are: Tressa Mastrianni (Gatha Award, Most Sportsmanlike), Lauryn Gabrielle (Most Sportsmanlike), Luke Senek (Academy Most Dedicated), Emma Roberts (Academy Most Sportsmanlike), Mary Ann Landry (Academy Most Improved), Krystal Kramer (Academy Most Sportsmanlike), and back row from left are tennis pros Brandon Alguire, Ryan Zeman, and Marko Petrovic.

■ **HOCKEY:** Come back against Welland

## PeeWee reps gain exciting tie

For PelhamNEWS

The PeeWee AE Pelham Panthers Rep hockey team ended the week in an exciting tie.

The Panthers had a great comeback in Sunday's game against Welland.

The team was down 4-1 after the second period and Pelham came back to tie it in the third. If there was two more minutes, Pelham would have won the game. They outshot and out hit their opponents in the third.

Dylan Jones, Nick Damude, Dawson Chamberlain and Theoren Lourens did some hard hitting on defence. Pelham's first

goal was in the first period by Michael Tyler assisted by Aiden Oatley and Ryan Reeves.

Pelham's comeback started with Nick Damude from the point assisted by Tyler. The next goal came from Cooper McIntire roofing the puck assisted by Curtis Walton and the tying goal came from Walton assisted by Raj Soli with two minutes left in the game.

The boys had an earlier game on Wednesday against St. Catharines and they lost 5-1. The lone goal scorer was Kyle Hoeksma assisted by Tyler and Aiden Oatley.

The Pelham Panthers played a tournament in Caledonia two

weeks ago and played teams from all over.

Their first game was against the Hamborough Sabres and they tied 2-2. Curtis Walton scored both goals, one assisted by Kyle Hoeksma and David Coyne, the other assisted by Nick Reitelved, Jacob Mergel played solid in net.

Pelham's next game was against Midland and Pelham lost 2-1. Pelham lone goal scorer was by Walton, Michael Kohli played very well in net. Finally, the last game of the tournament was against the Oakville Rangers and Pelham lost 8-1. Hoeksma scored for Pelham assisted by David Coyne.

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## ■ BUSINESS: Annual Chamber of Commerce awards

# Rubies spotlight best in business and community service

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PelhamNEWS Staff

**PELHAM** — Ruby Emily Quaker would be proud of who she started.

The founder of the Welland Board of Trade, now the Welland Pelham Chamber of Commerce, would see many of the same traits in today's business community as she did in 1898.

"They're the same type of people only more than 100 years later," said chamber executive director Dolores Fabiano after the 2010 Ruby Awards were handed out last Friday night.

The annual awards ceremony at Lookout Point Golf Course honoured the best in local business performance and community involvement.

About 300 people attended the event, the largest crowd yet for the ceremony, said Fabiano.

The annual awards night

has evolved from a standard gala to an Oscar-style gala and now the red carpet Ruby awards.

"It's a good format that allows for a lot of fun," said Fabiano.

The location has shifted from the Welland Club, to Welland City Hall with after events in downtown restaurants now to the most recent Pelham golf course locations.

A newcomer to Welland Deb Zahra of Boston Pizza took home the big prize of Business of the Year while also being a finalist in the RBC Business Initiative Award.

She took over the

Boston Pizza restaurant in February.

"I love going to work," she said. "It's not about the money, it's about being part of what's happening."

She said the local business community is doing the right thing, "keep on doing it." The RBC Business Initiative Award went to George Farlow of Welland Toyota. He took it over in April 2009, moved it to the

top sales position and is now building new facilities on Niagara St.

Other award winners are Lydia Petro of Northtown Medical Associates as Employee of the Year.

Bryan Caporici of Bryan Caporici Photography as RBC Financial Group Business Award winner.

Stephen Hughes of E.L. Crossley Secondary School with the Youth Citizen of the

Year Award.

Amy Shaver of Peekaboo Bottoms for the Venture Niagara Award.

Mary Iannazzo of the Rotary Club of Welland with the Mary Anne Christoff Community Service Award. And Jackie Jaroslowski of Huard Heating and Air Conditioning who received the Climate Action Niagara Award of Excellence.

An otherwise lively evening took on a somber note with a moment of silence for Leonard Raymond Kalylnik, a longtime chamber volunteer who died in Sept. 17.

His wife Sylvie Kalylnik received a standing ovation when she accepted the Stuart Cumming Memorial Award of Merit on his behalf.

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Dolores Fabiano

Dolores Fabiano

## ■ DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

## Dale Robinson wins public trustee seat

JOHN VESSOYAN  
PelhamNEWS Staff

**PELHAM** — A former school teacher and principal is Pelham's newest District School Board of Niagara trustee.

Dale Robinson, a 60-year-old Thorold resident, defeated Gary Athanasyk in today's Ontario municipal election and will now serve Pelham and Thorold at the school board level.

Robinson had 2,412 votes to Athanasyk's 1,664. October's advance polls showed Robinson was ahead 550-410 heading into election night.

This will be Robinson's first time as a trustee. It was also her first time running for the position. She dismissed the idea of having beginners luck in her journey to victory.

"I worked really hard," Robinson said.

Robinson believes there's lots of work ahead of her and her fellow trustees in the DSNB. An issue such as

declining enrolment throughout the school board is one that needs attention, among others.

"We need to foster respect."

"We need to have open discussions."

"We need to listen to people," she explained.

"We need to make smart decisions. It's going to be a huge term."

In regards to taking Athanasyk's seat at the school board, Robinson said, "It's hard to defeat an incumbent. It takes a lot of effort."

Robinson, who worked in elementary schools, said the role fits her well since she's decided most of her life to education.

"I'm excited. I'm looking forward to it."

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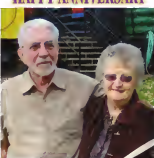


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